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the expediency of our separation, and Boston in America now reaches her hand, as she did recently, to her namesake in England, without a word of apology for her conduct in 1776, — without a stronger justification than her Transatlantic parent hastens to offer for her.

Mr. Drake's style is simple and animated; and throughout the reader has the impression, that, though the author's collections are by no means exhausted, a judicious eclecticism has carefully winnowed the choicest of the grain. We learn with regret, that, owing to the heavy expenses thus far incurred, it has been deemed advisable to postpone the continuation of the work until the present issue is disposed of; but we doubt not that the public will promptly remove this hinderance, and authorize the conclusion of the History in accordance with the original plan.

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6. — *The Modern Whitefield: The REV. C. H. SPURGEON, of London. His Sermons. With an Introduction and Sketch of his Life, by E. L. MAGOON.* New York: Sheldon, Blakeman, & Co. 1856. 12mo. pp. 357.

THE REV. C. H. Spurgeon is a youthful preacher of London, now but twenty-two years of age. His popularity is immense, exceeding that of any man since the days of Whitefield. His chapel stands on the Surrey side of the Thames, near Southwark Bridge, on the very spot where the great expositor Gill preached. It will seat eighteen hundred persons, but it is crowded in every corner each Sabbath, and a multitude turn away for want of room. This volume contains fifteen discourses, delivered, as we understand, in the ordinary course of his Sabbath ministrations. It is certainly difficult, from the perusal of these sermons, to account for the throngs which attend upon his ministry; but not more so, it may be, than for the reader of Whitefield's sermons to discover the elements of that mighty power with which he held and moved the vast audiences that gathered wherever he preached.

But if the sermons in this volume are not remarkable, the Introduction to them by Rev. E. L. Magoon certainly is remarkable. We doubt if one could select, in the whole compass of this species of literature in the English language, a more curious specimen. If the writer has failed in any measure to introduce Rev. Mr. Spurgeon to his readers, he assuredly has not failed to introduce himself. We cannot, however, withhold the expression of our sincere pity for any man who is so unfortunate as to be ushered before a new reading public by such a rhodomontade as that which fills the first thirty-six pages of this volume. Fifteen sermons which could bear such an introduction must possess no

ordinary merit. We have great admiration for Robert Hall, but we should tremble for his reputation if any volume of his were subjected to such an ordeal. The following precious morceau is a specimen:—

“He was no pet of indulgent fortune, familiarized with golden spoons, and fondled in the lap of effeminate ease. Nor was he cautiously secluded in the hot-house of supercilious pedantry, to eat and sleep out a regular course of *hic haec hoc*, with the plus excellence of sines and cosines, under the auspices of some erudite ignoramus, whose potency for turning the world upside down himself, and his aptness to teach others how such work is done, consists mainly in a diminutive quantity of antique roots in a perfumed head, a pair of green spectacles on a pimpled nose, and two lily hands buried near dyspeptic bowels.”

The reader who is curious to see the above extract as it stands in the book may find it on the eleventh page of the Introduction. There is one better sentence in these thirty-six pages; but a friend of ours assures us it is not original, and therefore we will not quote it.

This Introduction is an offence against taste, decency, reverence, and piety,—a travesty of sacred things such as we hope we may not again encounter from the pen of a professed religious teacher.

7. — *Life, Explorations, and Public Services of John Charles Fremont.*

By CHARLES WENTWORTH UPHAM. With Illustrations. Boston : Ticknor and Fields. 1856. 12mo. pp. 356.

WE are happy in having as our present candidates for the chief magistracy men who need not a pen versed in romance to adapt their memoirs to the moral taste of a virtuous public. Of each of the three for whom our suffrages are now solicited, it might be said with equal truth and equal emphasis,—

“Being not propped by ancestry, whose grace
Chalks successors their way;
. neither allied
To eminent assistants; but, spider-like,
Out of his self-drawing web, he gives us note,
The force of his own merit makes his way.”

The lives of Buchanan and Fillmore have not been submitted to our criticism; and this of Fremont does little more than to verify the impressions derived several years ago from the perusal of his reports. We traced in them other and higher qualities than those of the mere surveyor, engineer, and explorer. Their author seemed to us to possess extensive and varied knowledge, large fertility of resource, and no small